

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 15, 2008

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioners Pulkrabek and Hegberg absent. Board Vice Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Joe Lux, Senior Planner; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Deborah Tulloch, Community Services Supervisor; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Supervisor; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Vice Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the June 17 and 24, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Jon Larson as Washington County Veterans Service Officer effective May 16, 2008.
3. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator recycling grant agreements with the Cities of Forest Lake, Lake Elmo, Oakdale, and Woodbury for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
4. Approval of petition to the City of Woodbury for public utilities to serve the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

5. Approval to submit a proposal for a \$10,000 restoration grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to replace the damaged 1870's tile in the main floor restroom and jail lobby areas of the Historic Courthouse.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Hegberg absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Stafford moved to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to execute a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 25 and CSAH 16 construction cost reimbursement. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Hegberg absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Deborah Tulloch, Community Services Supervisor, provided an overview of adult protection services in Washington County. She noted that the annual adult protection assessments have grown from 220 in 2005 to 340 in 2007, and expects there will be at least that many in 2008. Of the 340 allegations of maltreatment in 2007, 42% was financial exploitation, 10% was neglect, 20% was self-neglect, 10% was physical abuse, 3% was sexual abuse and 15% was emotional abuse. Ms. Tulloch noted that there is no federal funding dedicated to adult protection services. Most of the costs to fund adult protection services in the State of Minnesota are borne through county property tax dollars. These cases continue to grow as the Baby Boomer population comes of age, and cases are growing more complicated and labor intensive as other social service programs are cut back. She provided several warning signs of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation including: unusual or unexplained injuries; physical health issues; denial or access by caregiver; fear, withdrawal, depression, helplessness; hesitation to talk openly; unusual bank withdrawals; abrupt increase in credit card/ATM activity; transfer of assets, deeds, trusts; unpaid bills, or missing personal belongings.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that Commissioners Pulkrabek and Hegberg are representing the county at the National Association of Counties annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri. He also mentioned that the Commissioners received an invitation to tour a bus rapid transit vehicle tomorrow in Apple Valley. There will be a tour and also the opportunity to take a ride on the vehicle. The overview of the 2009 county budget will be presented on August 12. Finally, on Board Correspondence, there was a petition from residents in Marine on St. Croix about camping in the Big Marine Park. Staff will prepare a response and give the residents an update on what the county is planning for Big Marine Park.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the Board will tour the Cottage Grove Armory this afternoon and meet with Col. Chaplin John Morris.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she will be attending the Transportation Advisory Board meeting tomorrow. Minnesota Department of Transportation will be seeking public input for 2009 to 2028 transportation plans. She suggested that staff and other Board members be a part of that discussion. Washington County has definite needs, and any input given would be helpful.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Stafford moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Corrections to discuss juvenile placements. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Tom Adkins, Kristin Tuenge, and Harley Will.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Transportation Chapter and Facilities and Culture Resources Sections of the Comprehensive Plan update. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Joe Lux, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dennis O'Donnell, Ted Schoenecker, John Elholm, Peter Mott, Cory Slagle, Jane Harper, and Josh Beck.

Myra Peterson, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

